

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday, April 25, and further, that when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26 for Morning Hour debate.

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**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, April 27.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Nine recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H2413–14, H2414, H2414–15, H2435, H2435–36, H2436–37, H2437, H2437–38, and H2449–50. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Held a hearing to review Implementation of the Secure Rural Schools Act of 2000: A Continuing Commitment to Rural Education and Sustainable Forestry. Testimony was heard from Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, TREASURY, AND HUD, THE JUDICIARY, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of the Treasury. Testimony was heard from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury.

### SCIENCE, THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies, on Department of State held

a hearing on International Organizations. Testimony was heard from Kim R. Holmes, Assistant Secretary, International Organization Affairs, Department of State.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on Education Reform held a hearing on Early Childhood Education: Improvement Through Integration. Testimony was heard from Marsha Moore, Commissioner, Department of Early Care and Learning, State of Georgia; and public witnesses.

### SARBANES-OXLEY IMPACT

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled “The Impact of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.” Testimony was heard from William H. Donaldson, Chairman, SEC; and a public witness.

### OMB MANAGEMENT WATCH LIST

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled “OMB Management Watch List: \$65 Billion Reasons to Ensure the Federal Government is Effectively Managing Information Technology Investments.” Testimony was heard from Karen Evans, Administrator, Electronic Government and Information Technology, OMB; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; Dan Matthews, Chief Information Officer, Department of Transportation; Robert McFarland, Assistant Secretary, Information Technology, Department of Veterans Affairs; Rosita Parkes, Chief Information Officer, Department of Energy, and Lisa Schlosser, Chief Information Officer, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

### FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 1544, Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act of 2005.

### COMMITTEE FUNDING RESOLUTION

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported H. Res. 224, providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Ninth Congress.

### ARAB WORLD—POLITICAL LIBERALIZATION

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on Redefining Boundaries: Political Liberalization in the Arab World. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**ZIMBABWE ELECTIONS**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Global Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing on Zimbabwe: Prospects for Democracy after the March 2005 Elections. Testimony was heard from Constance Berry Newman, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—USA PATRIOT ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security held an oversight hearing on the Implementation of the USA PATRIOT Act: Sections of the Act that Address—Crime, Terrorism, and the Age of Technology. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Laura H. Parsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General; and Steven M. Martinez, Deputy Assistant Director, Cyber Division, FBI; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—VISA WAIVER PROGRAM**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled “October, 2005 deadline for Visa Waiver Program Countries to produce Secure Passports: Why it matters to Homeland Security.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: Elaine Dezenski, Acting Assistant Secretary, Policy and Planning, Border and Transportation Security Directorate; and Richard L. Skinner, Acting Inspector General; and public witnesses.

**OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on National Parks held an oversight hearing on the National Historic Preservation Act. Testimony was heard from Jan Matthews, Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; John Nau, Chairman, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; and public witnesses.

**SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Workforce, Empowerment, and Government Programs held a hearing entitled “Removing Obstacles to Job Creation: How Can the Federal Government Help Small Businesses Revitalize the Economy?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**CAFTA IMPLEMENTATION**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on Implementation of the Dominican Republic-Central

America Free Trade Agreement (DR–CAFTA). Testimony was heard from Representatives Burton, Dreier, Kaptur, DeFazio, Peterson of Minnesota, Lungren and Melancon; Peter F. Allgeier, Acting U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

**Joint Meetings****VETERANS PROGRAMS**

*Joint Hearing:* Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to review the legislative recommendations of certain veterans organizations, after receiving testimony from LeRoy Riddell, NCC (SW), USN (Ret.), Retired Enlisted Association, Penny Splinter, Gold Star Wives, George R. Kaye, and Joseph L. Barnes, both of the Fleet Reserve Association, and Chief Master Sergeant James E. Lokovic, USAF (Ret.), Air Force Sergeants Association, all of Washington, D.C.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

*Joint Committee on Printing:* Committee met and designated Senator Lott as Chairman and Representative Ney as Vice-Chairman, and adopted its rules of procedure for the 109th Congress.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D 358)

S. 256, to amend title 11 of the United States Code. Signed on April 20, 2005. (P.L. 109–8)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY,  
APRIL 22, 2005**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Capabilities, to hold hearings to examine United States Special Operations Command in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2006; to be followed by a closed session in S-407, Capitol, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

**House**

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Criminal Justice, Drug Policy and Human Resources, hearing entitled “The National Parks: Will They Survive for Future Generations?” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.